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Minutes for:

**Mid-City Local Human Rights Committee** 

**April 21, 2014** 

LHRS members:

Latonia Edmonds, Chair Faye Joseph, Vice Chair April Moore, Secretary

Betty Morgan

Andre' Richards

Stewart Prost, Advocate, Office of Human Rights

Staff & Programs:

Rhonda Taylor-Dubie's Love Residential Services

Natasha Zoby, The Up Center (Sponsored

Placements-Adult, Day Program,)

Karen Bailey, The Up Center. In-Home Services,

Mental Health Support.

Myra Gonzalez; Prosperity Homes, Inc.

T.W. Neumann, T. W. Neumann and Associates Amanda Grizzard; Restorer of Broken Walls

Melvin Anderson, Family Talk

Sharon Butcher, AJ&T Independent Group Homes Betty Gray-Henson; Alternative Family Treatment

Services Inc.

Kewania Curney-VA institute for People with

Disabilities

Tommika Hinton-Caring Hands and Supplementary

Enrichment Education S.E.E. LLC of Virginia

Richard Coleman-Urban Learning Leadership Center

Nathanial Jackson, Faith Foundations Cindy McCallan, Sentara Health

Meeting Convened at 3:00 p.m. by Ms. Latonia Edmonds, Committee Chairperson The minutes from the last meeting (1.27.14) were approved.

## **Program Reports:**

AJ & T Independent Group Homes- 5 clients, 1 allegation, founded

Alternative Family Treatment Services-12 clients, 0 incidents.

Caring Hands and Supplementary Enrichment LLC of Virginia -0 incidents or allegations to report; Census: 24 Cook Community Support- not present, but report sent in.

Dubie's Love- 1 neglect allegation, unfounded. census 8

Kemetic Behavioral Health- not present, no report.

Prosperity Homes, Inc.- 11- no incident/accidents. 0 day support

Restorer of Broken Walls- 0 incidents or allegations, census 20

Sentara Health- No report, not present.

The Faith Foundation- Census: 4; 1 unfounded abuse, 1 founded neglect.

The Up Center In Home Services-no incidents or allegations to report -34 IIH and 28 MHI

The Up Center Family Life Sponsored Homes- 77 family life; 29 day support. 1 Allegation, unfounded.

Talk Family of Virginia- 35 clients, 0 incidents.

T.W. Neumann & Associates- 60 clients, 0 incidents.

Urban Learning and Leadership Center-no incidents & no allegations to report; 18 MHS; 9IIH

Virginia Institute for People with Disabilities - no incidents or allegations to report, 6 clients

## **Old Business:**

No old business.

## **New Business:**

The Up Center- 3 New Family Life Homes- Affiliation approved. 1010 Wickham Ave. Newport News. VA

Here to Help 800 Seahawk, Virginia Beach, Va Seeking Affliation- approved. Behavior Management Policy, Recommended needed to change Behavior Plan to CPI in all areas listed. Program Rules needed.

## Report from the Advocate:

Regarding the quarterly reports they need to be sent in 2 weeks in advanced, to the advocate and the Human Rights committee. The reports are needed early so that the most up to date information is at this meeting. This process went better this time, but it needs to be consistent. There are new forms that were sent out in December 2013. Included in your report was to be a copy of your CHRIS report as well.

- 1) Please make sure you are set up with CHRIS
- 2) For a founded abuse case, founded complaint or corrective action, please mail these forms or CHRIS has a PDF form that can be scanned to Mr. Prost and the Committee members.

CHRIS—a computer data base that has been used for some Human Rights is now going to expand to include all of aspects of Human Rights areas. CHRIS on 1/9/2014 was redeployed with software upgrades to make access more accessible. \*Also, the incident should be reported in CHRIS within 24 hours after the incident has taken place, not days later.

Revising Human Rights regulations, having to change some of the regulations. These changes will not take place for another 18-24 months. It is currently being proposed for the new governor and commissioner. Hearings for abuse allegations and appeal process will have a different time line to make it smoother. Also the number of LHRC will be going down. The number of affiliates will be increasing.

Vacancy advertising currently for a new Advocate position. Position opened until filled. Position is in Williamsburg.

The committee needs to recruit for new committee members because 2 committee members (Latonia Edmonds and Faye Joseph) are planning to step down after their term ends June 2014. This is their last session. There is a need for members in the general position and the consumer position (consumer or family member of a consumer in the past 5 years). Be on the lookout for new members.

Elected New roles for committee members: Betty Morgan, Chair; Andre' Richards, Vice Chair and April Moore, Secretary.

July LHRC meeting will include the Freedom of Information Act.

With no further business the open meeting went into closed session for AJ &T for founded case.

Next Mid-City Session July 21, 2014 at 3pm at The Up Center, 222 W. 19th Street, Norfolk.